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January 19, 1920

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Pick
Herzogl. Munzkabinet
Gotha, Germany

Dear Sir:

I am attempting an arrangement of the coinage of Metapontum, and I am writing to ask whether it would be possible for me to have made, at my expense, casts of the pieces of this city which may be in your Cabinet.

Will you kindly inform me the number of these pieces, and what you would consider a reasonable sum to cover the preparation of these casts? I am hoping that you have some assistant who would be willing to undertake the preparation of these outside of the hours he is officially engaged.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

May 1st, 1920.

Prof. Dr. B. Pick,
Herzogliches Münzkabinett,
Gotha, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Pick:-

Please accept my cordial thanks for your kind letter. I did not realize that my request would put you to so great inconvenience. Would it not be much less trouble to have photographs of the sixty coins made? These could, it seems to me, be photographed on a single plate for obverses and another for reverses. Failing this, it seems to me that it might be less troublesome to you merely to send only the wax impressions in a style similar to the sample I enclose. We could then easily make the casts here. I am enclosing a draft in your favor for two hundred and fifty marks. Will you kindly use your discretion in applying this in whichever way seems best to you. I have casts of all the pieces at Paris and many others in our own collections and in consequence a photographic reproduction of those at your Museum might be all that was necessary for me.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I beg to subscribe myself

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

Prof. Behrendt Pick

Kurfürstliches Münzkabinet

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Dr. Behrendt Pick
Kurfurstliches MunzKabinet
Gotha Saxe-Coburg-Gotha,
Germany

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 10th and your post card of August 5th, as well as the casts of which the latter speaks, have all been received, and I wish to thank you very warmly indeed for the trouble you have taken on my behalf. Iassure you I appreciate it greatly.

Your selection of the coins was a very satisfactory one, but I am going to ask you to use the small balance of which you speak for having casts made of certain of the others. These are Nos.2 (the grasshopper-dolphin stater) 5, 6, 9, 17, 18, 22 and 25. The overstruck piece, No.6, is very interesting indeed, and No.9 is a die that is new to me.

I was very glad to have the cast from the Gotha Collection at Weimar; I have never seen this stater without the reverse die broken. Other specimens are at Paris (2) and in the Hunterian Collection.

The photographs which you sent were very satisfactory and I think that there are none of these pieces which I shall not be able to idenifiy beyond question.

Again thanking you very cordially for your efforts on my behalf, I beg to subscribe myself

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

October 27th, 1920

Dr. Behrendt Pick
Kurfurstliches Munzkabinet
Gotha, Germany

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 5th, and for the casts which came at the same time. I shall use some of them for illustration.

Mr. Spicer Simpson telephoned me about a week ago, before leaving for Cincinnati; on his return, I shall be very glad to convey your message and greetings.

Mr. Newell was very glad indeed to have your kind remembrances as well as to learn that you had received his publications. Another has just been sent you which I trust will reach you in good season.

Previous to receiving your letter, I wrote to Dr. Habich at Munich, asking for casts of the pieces there and I hope to receive these shortly.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPM/E

November 21st, 1922.

Professor Behrendt Pick,

Gotha, Germany.

Dear Professor Pick:-

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that, at the last meeting of the Council, you were elected a Corresponding Member of this Society.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Landes-Münzkabinett
Gotha.

10. December 1922.

Council

Der American Numismatic Society

danke ich verbindlichst für die Ehre, die mir der Council durch neue Wahl zum Korrespondierenden Mitglied erwiesen hat.

Es freut mich sehr, dadurch in nähere Verbindung mit einer Gesellschaft zu treten, die so viel zum Fortschritt der numismatischen Wissenschaft beiträgt und deren Einrichtungen ich bei meinem Besuche in diesem Herbst als ganz ausgezeichnet und musterhaft kennen gelernt habe.

Wenn ich der Numismatic Society oder einzelnen Mitgliedern durch Auskunft über Bestände unseres Münzkabinetts oder auf andere Weise irgendwie dienen kann, so wird mir das immer ein besonderes Vergnügen sein.

Ergebenst
A. B. Pick.

July 25th, 1923

Dr. Behrendt Pick
Kurfurstliches Munzkabinet
Gotha, Germany

Dear Dr. Pick:

It was a great disappointment to me that I was unable to accept your kind invitation to call upon you at Gotha on my way back from Greece. There were a number of reasons which prevented it - one being an opportunity to take a very helpful voyage through the Cyclades which made me delay my departure from Greece, as well as the circumstance that I had acquired such an accumulation of Alexanders for Mr. Newell that it was unwise for me to risk crossing the many frontiers with them - the more so, as they would have been subject to confiscation had they been discovered.

In Athens I met the son of Dr. Svoronos, and, as you know, the first portion of the corpus of corpus of Athenian Coins has appeared. It seemed to me that the material had been left in such shape that there was no reason to suppose that its issue could not have been carried to completion. Another ambitious work of Dr. Svoronos, having to do with the pre-historic civilization of Greece, is being issued in Paris, but his colleagues in Athens assured me that this could not add to his fame, because many of his theses were purely speculative.

As you probably know by this time, Dr. Georg P. Oikonomos has been made the Director of the Numismatic Museum. Unfortunately, his numismatic training has not been great, but there was no one available as a successor who did have sufficient training.

I found considerable material regarding the hoard of Mende coins, concerning which M. Babelon and Dr. Regling have written, and may have enough material for publication of further data regarding it.

I am doubly sorry that I could not return by way of Germany because that would have given me a chance to discuss some of the Mende problems with Dr. Regling and yourself.

Can you give me the name of the editor of the periodical of the Roumanian Numismatic Society, and his address? Our library is without a set of this journal, and I very much want to purchase one.

Can you recommend any bookseller who is likely to have the numismatic articles on books issued in Austria and the Balkan States. I should greatly appreciate your help.

I found everyone at the Society expressing the great pleasure which your visit had given them last year, and I regret that my early departure deprived me of a share in it.

With cordial regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

September 17th, 1923.

Prof. Behrendt Pick,
Gotha,
Germany.

Dear Professor Pick:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 18th giving me the addresses of Professor Moisil and of the Vienna Booksellers.

I have passed on your greetings to the other members of the staff, and we all wish you could have been with us for a longer period.

I note what you say about the Svoronos "Tresor". We have received Part I. It certainly looks very well indeed. I hope things will progress steadily now, and that there will be no further interference with publication. I saw the son while in Athens and have since had a letter from him. He is very anxious to publish everything which his father had finished but with Greek exchange at its present low ebb, the difficulties are very great.

It was very kind of you to write of our Library as you did. You, of course, will receive our publications as soon as they appear. We are preparing to issue Mr. Newell's brochure on the Demanhur Hoard in the near future, and two other articles by him are almost through the press.

With cordial regards and hoping that this will find you in the best of health, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary and Librarian.

May 11th, 1926

Dr. Behrendt Pick
Gotha, Germany

Dear Dr. Pick:

Your very interesting letter is at hand. Thank you for the comment on the Mende article, and for the word of the pieces of Mr. Brand's collection in Chicago. As you know, it is practically impossible to obtain information regarding these. I am, therefore, the more grateful for your note.

I have not yet received the casts which you are sending. The weight is significant, and, as you suggest, places the piece under suspicion. I shall have to wait until later to give you my reaction.

We are glad to learn of your prospective visit. Thank you very much for the reprints which you have so kindly sent us, and which we are very glad to add to our pamphlet file.

The members of the Staff join with me in cordial greetings to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 28th, 1926

Dr. Behrendt Pick
Gotha, Germany

Dear Dr. Pick:

Since writing you, the impression of the Mende piece, of which you spoke in your letter, has been received. Its style and weight are very decidedly against it. There is a tetrobol with a symbol similar to that in the field of this piece, but I know of no other tetradrachm having it. Your statement that its genuineness is above suspicion makes me hesitate, and without seeing the piece, I should hardly want to express an opinion, but the cast is certainly unprepossessing, and, as was been said, the weight is very much against its being a regular issue. The reverse also is not entirely satisfactory. I know of no other specimen.

As the piece did not occur in the hoard, there was no reason for my mentioning it - the more so, as Dr. Regling's listing of these varieties is so nearly complete.

Permit me to thank you again for your commendation of my article, and believe me to be,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

August 12, 1927

Dr. Behrendt Pick,
Kurfurstliches Munzkabinet,
Gotha, Germany

Dear Dr. Pick:

One of the members of our Society is undertaking an arrangement of decadrachms of Syracuse of the Euainetos type (not those of Kimon). Will you be so kind as to have casts of those in the possession of your cabinet prepared and sent to me at your convenience, together with a memorandum to cover the cost of having this done. It is our purpose to illustrate most and possibly all of these decadrachms. It is consequently necessary to have the casts.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

September 19, 1927

Dr. Behrendt Pick,
Gotha, Germany

Dear Dr. Pick:-

This morning I received the cast of the Syracusan decadrahm, which you have so kindly sent us. Thank you very much, indeed. I hope that matters are going well with you and wish very much that I might be able to drop in on you for a few hours but the prospect is at present a remote one.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

April 26, 1928

Dr. B. Pick,
Gotha,
Germany.

Dear Dr. Pick:

Thank you very much for the reprint of your article " Bemerkungen Zu Dutschem Medaillen ". We are very glad indeed to have this for our library. Thank you for your thought of us.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

17th July, 1928

Professor Behrendt Pick,
Gotha, Germany

Dear Dr. Pick:

Will you be so kind as to send me the weight of the Metapontum stater with the horned head of Apollo Karneios? You will remember that you sent me a cast of this several years ago. While you are examining the piece, will you look to see if there are any indications of its being plated? Its style is very different from the other dies of this type, and I am a bit suspicious of it.

Have you in your Collection any tetradrachms of Maroneia? Not the late, broad-flan type (similar to the Athenian New style pieces) but of the earlier issues? If so, I should be very glad if you would send me wax impressions or casts at your convenience.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

2d June, 1928

Dr. B. Pick,
Herzogliches Münzkabinett,
Gotha, Germany

Dear Dr. Pick:

Your letter of May 17th has been received. I am very sorry that acknowledgments of your reprints have failed to reach you. The borchures have been received, and I beg that you will accept these belated thanks for them.

Under separate cover I am sending you the missing monographs, Nos. 32 and 33.

Inquiries of Mrs. Brett and Mr. Newell establishes that they have both received the impressions and casts which you so kindly sent. Mr. Newell's acknowledgment will doubtless have reached you before this letter.

Trusting that you are in good health and with cordial regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary